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City of Reading Mayor Vaughn Spencer attended a Candlelight Peace Vigil earlier today organized by CeasefirePA at Reading City Park in downtown Reading, PA. The event drew about 40 citizens who have been impacted from gun violence in the City of Reading and many who have lost friends and family members to crimes committed with a gun. The event was also held to commemorate the one year anniversary of the shootings in Tucson, AR which killed six people and injured Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords.

“We’ve got to do more about the gun violence that is occurring across our country and the impact it’s having on families because it touches everyone in the community from young and old. We will not tolerate or accept the illegal firearms that are being trafficked in our streets,” Spencer told the gathered crowd. “We’ve lost Police Officers and students who have been shot and killed. I’ve lost five former students who have been shot and killed in the streets of Reading,” continued Spencer, a former Teacher in the Reading School District. There are just too many hand guns that are out there, and we have to do more to prevent that from happening,” Spencer concluded.

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